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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Marlin

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Examiner: Miller, B

The Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

~~SUBSTITUTE~~ AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed 04/23/04. Applicant requests an interview with the examiner to discuss the above case.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please see the attachment

RESPONSE

The Office Action has rejected claim 22 in light of Kelly and Brannon. Applicants respectfully disagree.

The independent claim of the present invention has been amended so that the word "comprising" has been replaced by the term "consisting essentially of."